

BRIEFING
 CHAIRMAN MAHON
 AUG. 2, '72

I) Soviet ICBM testing

- A) SS-11 - Mod 3
 - 1) for use at D + P
- B) New big missile for new SS-9 silos
 - 1) testing of launch phase
 - 2) probably will have MIRV's
- C) New SS-11 type missile
- D) Failure of SS-NX-8 test on May 27
 - 1) 7 failures out of 22 launch attempts

II) Nikolayev ship probably helicopter carrier,
 possibly V/STOL

III) Chinese deploy CSS-1, the 600 mm. missile

- A) placed north of Korean border
- B) could hit Vladivostok + Khabarovsk
- C) being deployed in south + northeast

IV) Chinese conduct 14th nuclear test

- A) March 18 for 170 kt
- B) Second gaseous diffusion plant at
 Chin - Kow - ho
 - 1) 5 times U-235 as before
- C) Second plutonium production complex
 at Yu - men

29967

V) French nuclear test this year were
3 lower yield nuclear detonations
and 1 safety test

A) objective was to test miniaturization
of "detonators" for thermobaric
warfare

VI) Egyptians announce Soviet roster on July 18

A) Four categories of Soviet personnel

- 1) Advisors with Egyptian line units
- 2) Instructors at schools
- 3) Fighter + missile units for defense
- 4) Naval air elements supporting Mediterranean

VII) Persian Gulf

A) Saudi Arabia and Iran both
hope to replace Britain

B) Iraqi intrigue against Bahrain,
Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman

C) Jordanian, Pak, Soviet role

D) Seven-member UAE

- 1) President is Sheikh Zayid
- 2) Making progress slowly
- 3) Husayn to mediate Iranian/Arab
dispute

VIII) Simla was a beginning (July)

- A) Paks agreed respect Kashmir line
- B) Indians agreed negotiate step by step
- C) Another meeting in Sept-Oct
- D) Yet to be resolved:
 - 1) 93,000 Pak POW's
 - 2) settlement of Kashmir
 - 3) diplomatic relations
 - 4) involvement of Bangladesh
- E) Bangladesh
 - 1) jute industry starting
 - 2) food short
 - 3) Rahman popular
 - 4) hostility toward US increased

IX) Vietnam

- A) Quang Tri
- B) Binh Dinh
- C) Mekong Delta
- D) Vietnamization Success
- E) Damage to NVN forces & supplies
- F) Hanoi intransigent in negotiations
 - 1) wants US withdrawal
 - 2) end of US support for Thieu

X) Laos

- A) Vang Pao made little progress
- B) No progress around Pakse
- C) PL + Savanna fencing on talks
- D) Savanna has trouble with Assembly

XI) Cambodia

- A) Lon Nol got 55% in June
- B) wants Siuk Matak as VP
- C) Army on July 25 began offensive to open up main highway between Phnom Penh + Saigon

XII) Cuba

- A) 65-day jam
- B) joined CCOL
- C) has diplomatic relations with Mexico, Chile, Peru
- D) sugar harvest "bad"
 - 1) 4,000,000 tons
 - 2) worst harvest ever in '63 = 3.8

XIII) Chile

- A) Opposition still viable force
- B) Congressional elections in March
- C) Allende flatters + pays military
- D) Communists + others supply credit